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**METHOD OF LASER WELDING COATED MEMBERS**

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**BY FACSIMILE AND REGISTERED MAIL****AMENDMENTS**

Kindly amend claim '1 as follows:

1. A method of laser welding a plurality of coated metal sheets comprising the steps of:  
providing coated sheets of metal having opposed first and second surfaces;  
creating a raised region on at least one of the coated sheets, the raised region formed  
on the first surface and wherein the second surface remains continuous and uninterrupted;  
juxtaposing the coated sheets to introduce a gap therebetween, said gap defined by  
said raised region;  
applying a laser beam forming a laser weld wherein gases produced during the  
forming of the laser weld escape via the [at least one embossment] gap.

Kindly enter the following new claims:

4. The method of laser welding a plurality of coated metal sheets according to Claim 2  
wherein said step of creating a raised region comprises punching an array of embossments.
5. The method of laser welding a plurality of coated metal sheets according to Claims 2 and